

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Re the Application of:**

Applicant(s) : Muralidhara Ramachandra, et al.

Title : Selectively Replicating Viral Vectors

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Examiner: Sorbello

Group Art Unit: 1633

Response to Office ActionAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response to Office Action ("Response") is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2000 ("Office Action") in the above referenced patent application.

TIME FOR RESPONSE

The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response of three months ending February 13, 2001. Accompanying this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the required fee thus extending the time for response until May 13, 2001. As May 13, 2001 was a Sunday, the time for response is extended until the next business day, May 14, 2001. Consequently, Applicant believes this response is timely filed.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application. Claims 1-40 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claim 35 is rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Buckbinder, *et al.* Claim 36 is rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Grainger, *et al.* No claim is allowed.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached correspondence is being deposited as First Class Mail with sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

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